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In re US Patent Application of)
Stewart A. Burton et al.)
Filed: Simultaneously herewith)
Title: UNIVERSAL AIR CONDITIONER)
MOUNTING BRACKET AND METHOD)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of the following patent documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449:

US Patent No. 798,683, issued September 5, 1905, to Kettelman, and titled DETACHABLE SHELF BRACKET, describes a shelf bracket intended primarily for window sills, which bracket is adjustable to compensate for width of the sill and overhang. The bracket includes a fastening plate which has a bent distal end to engage the inboard edge of the window sill and which has a number of slots stamped therein. The support portion is triangular and has an upper flange which is selectively inserted in one of the slots and a lower flange which engages the wall under the outboard edge of the sill. None of the features of the present invention is disclosed.

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US Patent No. 1,512,792, issued October 21, 1924, to Nelson, and titled PLATFORM ATTACHMENT FOR WINDOWS, describes a platform intended to support a person for washing or repairing windows. The platform includes two foldable planks bolted to horizontal support bars at the edges of the planks. The proximal ends of the horizontal support bars terminate in U-shaped hooks to be hooked over the inwardly extending portion of a window sill. The distal ends of the horizontal support bars have angled bars hingedly connected thereto with the distal ends of the angled bars being adjustably connected to the horizontal support bars by means of chains. The latter permit the support surface to be held horizontally and the platform can be made to accommodate narrower windows by bolting the horizontal support bars through holes formed inboard of the edges of the planks. The platform can be folded somewhat flat, but the adjustability of the support surface is more complicated than that of the present invention and appears to be somewhat unstable.

US Patent No. 2,717,139, issued September 6, 1955, to Jewell, and titled MOUNTING MEANS FOR ROOM AIR CONDITIONER, describes an air conditioner mounting bracket having a horizontal tray portion defined by an angle rail at the distal end, perforated angle rails at the sides and a Z-

shaped member at the proximal end. The bracket is secured to a window sill by means of threaded clamps on the Z-shaped member. Perforated angle supports are hingedly connected to the distal end of the side rails and extend to engage the outer surface of the wall. Adjustment of the angle supports is by means of threaded rods engaging selected holes in the angle supports and extending through fittings selectively bolted to holes in the side rails. The bracket appears to be relatively stable, but complicated. Once disassembled, the elements of the bracket could be folded flat.

US Patent No. 2,758,456, issued August 14, 1956, to Wheeler, and titled WINDOW MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONING UNIT, describes a bracket which includes a horizontal mounting plate which rests on a window sill or on a spacer block placed on the sill. The mounting plate is secured against outward movement by means of a vertical flange screwed to the inside of the window sill. Angled supports are hingedly connected to the distal edges of the mounting plate and adjustment of the angled supports is by means of hinged turnbuckles extending between medial portions of the angled supports and edges of the mounting plate. This bracket also appears to be relatively stable, but complicated. Disassembly is required to fold the elements of the bracket flat.

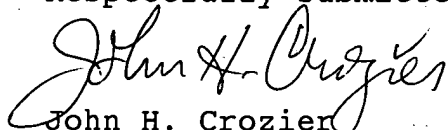
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US Patent No. 3,394,910, issued July 30, 1968, to Ulich, and titled ROOM AIR CONDITIONER SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT, describes a bracket having a horizontal, downwardly open, support bar having its proximal end attached to a window sill by means of a combination of screws and adapters. Some vertical adjustment of the proximal end of the support bar is possible. A vertical support member is secured to the inside of the support bar at a selected horizontal position. Levelling of the support bar is accomplished by means of a leveling screw disposed at the lower end of the vertical support member and bearing against the outer surface of the wall. There appears to be nothing equivalent to the any of the features of the present invention.

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